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SUBJECT: BURMA: MORE NLD MEMBERS ARRESTED AND CONVICTED

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Classified By: Political Officer Sean K. O'Neill for Reasons 1.4 (b) & (d)

¶1. (SBU) National League for Democracy (NLD) spokesman Nyan Win confirmed press reports that two NLD members have been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for "defaming religion." Chit Phay and U Maung Soe Wai were arrested at their homes on April 22 after participating in a prayer group that called for the regime to release Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners (reftel). In the past, authorities have disrupted similar prayer groups.

¶2. (C) Nyan Win reported that three NLD youth members arrested on June 12 remain in custody. Nyan Win said that Aung Aung Oo, Kyaw Win Tun, and Kyaw Myo Naing have not yet been charged with any crimes, but he relayed unconfirmed rumors the three may be charged with possession of explosives.
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